



Board of Transportation Safety

Meeting Minutes

11/01/07

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DMV Headquarters, Richmond, Virginia

Chair: Dee Bowles

Recording Secretary:

Audrey Odum

Board Members Present: Dee Bowles, Charles Rosemond, Walter Yeatts, Melvin Robertson, Seldon Rhodes, Tom McGrath, Allen Muchnick, Rebecca Martin, Judith Suddith, Charles Quillin

Board Members

Absent: Bruce Wingo, Paulette Benson

DMV Staff:

David Mitchell, John Saunders, Angelisa Jennings, David Mosley, Kathy Aebischer, Audrey Odum

CTSP Staff: Bruce Biondo

Special Guest(s): Lorraine Novak, NHTSA Regional Program Manager

Chair Dee Bowles called meeting to order, thanked everyone for attending and recognized Lorraine Novak, Virginia's Regional Program Manager from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. The Chair also furnished compliments on the Annual Conference on Transportation Safety and this year's Governor's Transportation Safety Award Ceremony.

David Mitchell gave welcoming remarks and mentioned to the Board that the 2008 Governor's Transportation Safety Awards Nomination Form would be ready for distribution in December. He asked that the Board support this worthwhile program by promoting it in their Districts and within their assigned modes of transportation. David Mitchell discussed briefly Virginia's fatality rate and the rising concern for the percentage increase of motorcycle fatalities.

Chair Dee Bowles ask Secretary to the Board, David Mitchell to call roll. Representation was sufficient for a quorum.

Chair Dee Bowles asked the Board to review for approval the minutes from the June 2007 meeting. Minutes approved with no amendments.

Board Business

David Mitchell mentioned past action items relating to:

SUV Crash Report – Angelisa Jennings will address under standing reports.

Conflict of Interest - Furnish Board, *DOT Common Rule – States.....that covers Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.*

Eastern VA Medical School – Will be invited to a future meeting.

Lorraine Novak briefly discussed NHTSA's priorities; seatbelt usage, drunk driving, speeding and data collection along with the recent spike in motorcycle fatalities nationwide. Lorraine also mentioned that NHTSA was looking into changing from a transportation-based measure (vehicle miles traveled) to a health-based measure (per 100,000 population).

David Mitchell mentioned that primary seatbelt legislation was proposed for the upcoming legislative session, however it has been withdrawn.

Action: Furnish Board copy of Governor's Transportation Packet for the 2008 General Assembly.

Chair Dee Bowles mention that it was time to prepare to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the upcoming year. Chair Bowles asked Sheldon Rhodes to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee and Charles Quillin and Judy Suddith to serve as committee members.

She asked that members interested in serving as either Chair or Vice-Chair, to please notify one of these committee members by December 1st. At the 1st meeting of 2008, the Nominating Committee will bring forth a slate of officers to be voted on by the full Board. The new Chair will begin serving at this meeting.

Chair Dee Bowles also mentioned the fact that she has served two consecutive years as Chair and cannot be re-elected. She indicated that she had enjoyed her time serving as Chair as well as just being a Board member and that she looked forward to continuing her 2nd term as an active member of the Board.

Standing Reports

Angelisa Jennings furnished the Board updated crash data which included information on SUV crashes. (Various reports attached.)

DMV will continue working closely with Tom McGrath and the Governor's Motorcycle Council on issues surrounding the increase in motorcycle fatalities.

Kathy Aebischer provided an updated Financial Report. (Report attached.)

Presentation

David Mosley presented to the Board, FY08 out of cycle grant requests. Board approved grant request as indicated on the attached listing. (Recommendations Submitted for Approval)

David Mitchell shared information on the Virginia Highway Safety Challenge grant request. The Department of Motor Vehicles (Virginia’s Highway Safety Office), Virginia State Police and Virginia’s Department of Transportation, are joining forces to improve traffic safety in Virginia and to address some of the most significant risk factors for highway fatalities. They are also reaching out to partners from the non-profit and private sectors to join in the challenge to cut by 100 the number of deaths on Virginia highways by 2010.

In addition to grants shown on attachment, Allen Muchnick requested an amendment of \$25,000 to the Metro Washington COG402-PS-2008-58213-3152 grant for a total funded amount of \$100,000. Board approved grant increase with the **condition** that the appropriate paperwork be completed and submitted with a copy to Board.

The next two presentations covered grants that were awarded to improve the collection, accuracy and sharing of crash data:

- Jennifer Peters and her team gave an overview of the “Traffic Records Electronic Data System” which will streamline the collection of crash data and enhance the data analysis surrounding information furnished.
- Mike Lundberg gave an overview of the “Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System” which will provide actionable information to support highway safety decision-making towards reducing deaths, non-fatal, and health care costs resulting from motor vehicle crashes.

New Business from Floor – Walter Yeatts inquired on the Board’s youth representative. He felt that with due to youth statistics that someone should be delegated to this position that could be active in this area of concern and that could attend Board meetings to discuss youth activities, etc.

Action: DMV will address concern and report back to Board.

Public Comment - None

Dates of Future Meetings - January / February 2008
In conjunction with the General Assembly.

Meeting Adjourned